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"If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals"  
~ Sirius Black, Goblet of Fire

## LOSING THE CAPACITY

~ Pracheeta Kothari



Standing behind the palisade of protection that I, as a privileged daughter have been gifted with; my heart suffocates itself with the thought of facing the evils that lay out there in the world; each day!

Shivers run down my spine when I hear of another rose-bud; scaling the tower of success; mown down, smothered raped and burnt for reasons implausible.

My ears have heard and my eyes have read innumerable stories of girls and women of my kind being reduced to mere puppets and victims of the patriarchy that flows through the blood of our country. Another life that has recently been burnt into the ashes of hopelessness is that of Priyanka Reddy - A veterinary doctor of 26.

Priyanka's scooter was punctured at a toll booth near Hyderabad. In the name of help, she was taken 30 km away from the security of the CCTV cameras' of the toll booth and was brutally raped and burnt by 4 men of who, 2 were drivers and the other 2 were cleaners. Laying with pale brows and brave broken hands, her body was found in Shadnagar. To the relief of a lot, the rapists were convicted by the police.

However, the question that has been strangling humanity and must be asked is, "Does the conviction suffice to compensate for the life of each girl that has been crushed into tiny shingles, to compensate for the agony that makes the heart of each parent thunder, to compensate for the dreams that have been buried deep beneath the capacities of each soul?"

Another question that has been vexing me is, "Will you accept me if I were raped?" I fear; no matter what the answer may be, the moors of society would always be cold and constricted to welcome any girl who has been blemished by the tag of non-consensual coition.

Rape is definitely caused by brutal men who regard women to be mere pawns. But, it doesn't end there. The pain that this social evil causes to each victim is sourced by the rigidity that society refuses to surrender; the refusal of our very own society to accept us as we are once we, as women have been tarnished.

No change can occur unless the equal status of men and women stretches beyond the boundaries of the law unless consent becomes primary in love and life and unless no gender perceives themselves to be superior.

My dear women; we are the epitome of strength, the foundation of the society and the world forsakers. We as women must realise that there is no one who is going to stand by us during the times of misery and thus, we must decorate each moment of lives with independence and individuality. No fear of society must thwart our way towards our dreams. We, my dear women, must learn to face every threat that comes our way and tackle it with utmost carefulness for the world; is not utopian!

## IN CONVERSATION WITH MR. BHAVIN SHAH

**TOT: You worked as a part of the United Nations, which is a rare profession, so how did you decide to join the education sector?**

**MBS:** My interesting stint in the UN was for seven years in the department Procurement for Natural Devastation. I was the relief supply guy. The last project I got was with a German company and they used to call it teaching and learning aids which we in India call toys. In India, parents buy toys that are big, colourful and attractive whereas Germans market only those things that have a purpose concerning teaching and learning. The German company wanted to invest in India and that's when the Germans taught me the science of procurement. For instance, what proportion of different colours should be shown to an infant because it has a deep impact psychologically on the child? This is what excited me to know more about education because I was revisiting my childhood saying I had never been told to play with activity-based toys. Later, Dilip Thakore, the Founder Editor of Education World, invited me to associate with him on a project and that's how I got completely immersed in the education sector. Now, I am working as a full-time CEO at Education World.



**TOT: In the Indian curriculum we follow the rote learning system while the International curricula follow the skill-based learning system. So, which one do you prefer?**

**MBS:** I am more for application. Any education right from the Gurukul days to IB; to me just the accessing part creates a difference. Anything that cannot have application is not a correct form of education. So even when you are studying decimals, fractions or TRIGONOMETRY probably when you are studying, you may inquire, "Why am I studying this?"

That's when the educator has to relate to the application. If the teacher is not relating that that's when the question arises. This question does not only arise amongst the students but also the adults because education is ever-evolving. Curricula are man-made, derived terms. If a student wants to convert a topic into research-based I am sure a Zila Parishad school will also not restrict him/her.

**TOT: Our Prime Minister has been talking about "One Nation, One Education Board", what is your opinion on this?**

**MBS:** I think rather than coming from the top it should come from the bottom. If one likes to learn there shouldn't be any boundaries saying that this is the way one should do it. We are a democracy and anyways India has about 50 boards. I think liberty should be given to the educators to choose rather than it being thrust upon them.

\*TOT: The Originals Team, MBS: Mr Bhavin Shah

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Google Chief Executive Sundar Pichai will replace Larry Page and Sergey Brin as CEO of parent Alphabet Inc.
- Hotel Mumbai Movie Review: Dev Patel and Anupam Kher film is neither black nor white. It's just right.
- GST council begins review of rates, items to raise revenue
- Former India captain MS Dhoni has told his franchise owners that the 2020 IPL won't be his last and he will play the 2021 edition as well.
- Union cabinet approves SC/ST reservation in Lok Sabha, state assemblies for another 10 years.
- Banks' 'Charlie's Angels' remake flops in theatres.

## COMING UP

- Exciting new **I-CAN Conference** which is to be held on the 8th and 9th of February, 2020.
- **IAYP** registrations are now open for the year 2020-21.
- The registrations for **HMUN Dubai** which is to be held from the 5th to the 8th of June 2020 are now open.
- **Cambridge curriculum** is starting from Grade 6 in the upcoming session.
- The **Interact Club** is now associating with 'Goonj'.
- The **Visual Art exhibitions** will be conducted by the IBDP students for the Parents.
- **Publications** for all educational and cultural departments to commence.

1. This school **C** gave me friends which turned into a family - Jijal.

4. I will miss Rajma Chawal. - DNP

6. Aamije to Maa - burping proxy!

8. I am gonna miss my SPAA. - Ri

10. This is the best part of my life.

2. Moments spend will be cherished - IJ

12. I have learnt a lot and I will miss everything. - Ri

3. FOUND MY family - pranks

11. The place made me "INVIENSIBLE" - Amrutha



13. I'm not in the mountains are in me - structure

7. HOME FROM HOME - Harmen

14. This is my HAPPY place. - Shalja



15. This is a family - Kushi

16. The best chapter of my life. - basun

17. A place more than one's second family - MKB

19. cant believe im saying this, but im gonna miss this place. - Tseten

21. For this place and people, I thousand times over. - Ishika



24. You can take a girl out of MIS but not MIS out of a girl. - Vaidya

18. HOME Where we learn and grow, A place that teaches us to ADAPT... - Riya

20. MIS is my second home - Riya

22. The rajma excitement among 'lauki' & 'karela' - Praks

25. Living through thunders, rains and rainbows, all is beautiful. - Akanksha



26. Just not ready to say goodbye to anyone. - Muskan

30. Too much to leave behind...

27. My life in MIS was fantabulous. - Kashish

- Aashna

23. From buying school uniform to buying saree we grew up together - M

29. Believe in KARMA It'll come for you.

31. MIS has been my roots... - Ashima



28. MIS is not a place I'll forget. - Sanya

HEAVEN WILL PART



All Lucifers will Fall



I'll miss my friends. - Mrishav

33. This time of the month is magical and MIS confuses it for me.

2 MINUTES OF SILENCE FOR OUR 'PHITICAL FAMILY' - SAMTV

62. It gave me the most precious memories & the best of my achievements - tanvr

34. My journey of MIS would have been incomplete without some people who made my life easier in MIS.

SIMVAI

36. MIS has shown me both fake and real faces, but made me strong enough to realise everything. Goodbyes will be different. - Richika.

35. The eyes and thoughts that widened, wondering how beautiful the nature could be!



40. It's magic - Neha

37. The seen strange faces come along and familiar ones grow distant. MIS has been a roller-coaster as subtle as the first day!

41. Nostalgia of leaving the MIS stage behind. - Arundhati

44. The enchanting beauty of MIS has mesmerized me. - Chahel.

47. A great journey is now going to come to an end and I'll surely miss every bit of it. - Hira

39. The stars, the mountains, the red and white and the arches. What else can I say? - Subhas.

42. The Journey of MIS was small, though it was a memorable one.

45. I will miss the dark nights, where I could see the stars. - Shavika

48. Never thought, that this too will come to an end! - Anandita.

50. This is my HOME!

- Tanisha Shah

43. Meeting souls that fed my agony. - Shreyan

46. MIS - A destiny that framed my dreams. - Jashvi.

49. It's magical. It was blissful but now it's successful. - Vandhika S.

52. Keep the dream alive: Hit the snooze button. - Hiral



53. I'm failing geometry because I refuse to believe that pie are squared. - Vaish



60. YES SEEK discomfort. - Mancha

56. Atleast my confew with my friends extended! - Shreha



54. I did not know that 2 years were this long a period of time!

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I want to make my juniors proud of me, so pray, that I am able to do best in life to get laurels to my school. - Avantika

57. Find me on MTV if - MK



59. These 4 years have made the mountains and the sky close to me! - Kashvi (the mountain)



55. It will take a nation of millions to hold me back. - PREENKA S.

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## 8 TO 16

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~ Tanisha Shah

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“Our universe gives life only a brief moment to shine- a haven in time.”

I had never dreamt about it, till the last moment I did not believe it was going to be me. I worked hard all these years because that's what I had seen growing up. I always saw healthy competitions and determination. I saw love and compromises. I met the real ones and most importantly I got to choose. I got the freedom to believe. The confidence to believe in writing, Name- Tanisha Shah and Position- Head Girl, on that piece of paper. The confidence to take the oath and be 100% sure to live by it militantly. I turned eight and sixteen on the same land. This journey has not only honed my skills but given me diverse learning experiences, which are

too many to mention. The school is now different from before, it is changing, sometimes witnessing this change makes me want to stay on but I have to leave. I am sure I have had some of the best years of my life with the ugliest days here. I had dreamt of giving my speech on graduation day since the day I took the oath.

There were many times where I had to remind myself why I wanted to do this and I do not know if this destiny meant for me to be the head girl and lead the school but I am sure that my destiny was to serve this community which nurtured me and further pushed me to new limits. I have learnt to respect and fight for what is right. They asked me in my interview what will I miss about MIS, I told them gratitude and they had said

“wrong answer” because that is something I would always have with me and not miss, so, Thank you all, especially to my teachers, to my real ones and my ‘Elites’, to my housemothers, the entire faculty, my fellow students, my aunties and uncles, the administrators and all supporters. To finally sum up, I would like to give a clique for something as clique as the ending of a magnificent journey. “All good things must come to an end”, on the bright side, it also said, “One can never leave home”.

I have finally learnt that this ending is now my new beginning as it was once for the eight-year-old and now for the sixteen-year-old.

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## BADHTE KADAM TO IMA

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~ Unnati Pattnaik

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The 3rd of December, was truly a memorable day for all the MISTars of Grade 11 for we got to witness the passing out parade at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. It was fun jogging from the entrance of the Academy to the Chetwood building, the venue for the event. It did feel really nice humbly flexing our school uniforms at such a prestigious events. From the alumni officers gracing the event with their presence to the soon to become graduates to the tune of “Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja”, it was not just motivating but inspiring in true sense. From getting to know the story behind the the metal grey and blood red flag of IMA to our deep hidden desires to barge I and explore the Chetwood Museum. It was indeed a fun-learning experience.

Who knew that the companies at the academy were named after some of the infamous battalions where Indians contributed bravely. Most interesting of all was that youth from countries like Singapore, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Myanmar, Nepal and so on famously known as the ‘Friendly Foreign Countries’ at the academy came to India to get their training done.



There are no words to express how beautiful and synchronised the parade was! So beautiful that the Defence Minister of India, Shri Ramnath Singh, himself came all the way to witness it.

At the end it was not just the parents of the graduates but also us who felt really proud on seeing the platoon of young cadets march by for we got glimpse of how amazing Indian force has been and will always look like in the years to come.

# PREVIOUSLY ON CAMPUS

So, everyone’s spirit is high for going home, isn’t it?

Our beautiful campus is also becoming more colourful with loads of balloons, lights and sky lanterns. The MISTars of Grade 9 and 11 had a walk to remember while stuffing their stomachs with pizzas and burgers. Lately, momos were surely compensated by lot of negative points. Trying out different assembly formats this year was quite innovative. As we saw the rest of the school packing up for holidays, the upcoming graduates prepared themselves for the long awaited farewell night. While we talk about the last goodbye, girls were requested to set foot on the greenfield and sign on the white school shirts for the hindmost time of the year. It doesn’t completely end here, we also had the happy meal on the 6th that included a mouth watering supper and the band performing for us. The heavily decorated Christmas tree surely catches one’s eye.

The BATTLE for the most prestigious trophy of the year has now come to an end, the most trending question being, “Who is going to win the Rawal?” While starting the fire in the houses for the last time, the level of nervousness and uncertainty has surely increased amongst the house captains.

See you in the next session right before the coming elections.

## SUDOKU

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## SIMON SAYS

I’m a very nice photofer.  
( The leading light of the Lakshmis )

I said, “Ok I am fail or I am pass.”  
( The Techie )

Empty the space.  
( The leading light of the Lakshmis )

Hair have to be made properly.  
( Jr. Cubie Ma-Panther )

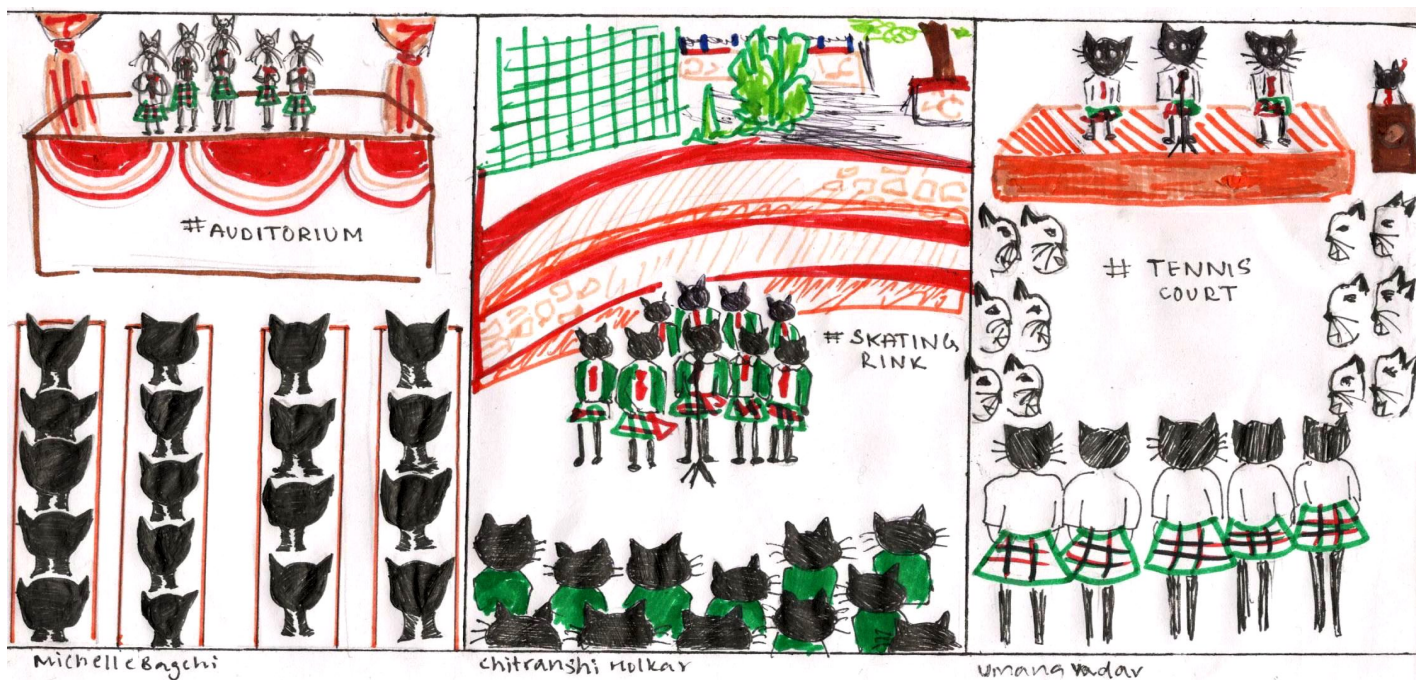
Ma’am will be outside to see off you.  
( Jr. Cubie Ma-Panther )

You are bad in a Math or in a English?  
( Math Master )

### ASCENDANCE OF PRIDE

National Youth Festival,  
Zonal level, Ahmendabad  
Vrinda Agni - 1st Prize

\* She will now participate in  
the State level for the same.



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